IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION - CINCINNATI

BRIAN T. STEPP, : Case No. 1:21-cv-658

Petitioner, : Judge Matthew W. McFarland

Magistrate Judge Karen L. Litkovitz

:

WARDEN, RICHLAND

v.

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION,

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Respondent.

ENTRY AND ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION (Doc. 29)

The Court has reviewed the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Karen L. Litkovitz (Doc. 29), to whom this case is referred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). Noting that no objections have been filed and the time for filing such objections under Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b) has expired, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** said Report and Recommendation in its entirety.

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS the following:

- 1. This matter shall be **TRANSFERRED** to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit as the Petition (Doc. 1) is "second or successive" under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b); and
- 2. This matter is **TERMINATED** from the Court's docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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By: JUDGE MATTHEW W. McFARLAND